



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
-----------------	-------------	----------------------	---------------------	------------------

10/725,956

12/02/2003

Larry B. Pearson

1033-MS1015

2884

60533

7590

12/02/2008

TOLER LAW GROUP
8500 BLUFFSTONE COVE
SUITE A201
AUSTIN, TX 78759

EXAMINER

ADDY, THJUAN KNOWLIN

ART UNIT

PAPER NUMBER

2614

MAIL DATE

DELIVERY MODE

12/02/2008

PAPER

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

The time period for reply, if any, is set in the attached communication.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/725,956	Applicant(s) PEARSON, LARRY B.	
	Examiner THJUAN K. ADDY	Art Unit 2614	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2008.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 02 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____ | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment filed on August 06, 2008 has been entered. Claims 1, 4, and 7 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No claims have been added. Claims 1-19 are still pending in this application, with claims 1, 4, and 7 being independent.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-14 and 17-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adamezyk et al. (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2007/0127636 A1).

3. In regards to claim 1, Adamezyk discloses a method of routing a call to a voice mailbox based on a redirecting number, the method comprising: receiving a call from an originating device (See Fig. 2B and caller 200) at a first redirecting device (e.g., subscriber's called/directory number {See Fig. 2B}, which forwards the call to the revert/redirecting number); forwarding the call from the first redirecting device to a

Art Unit: 2614

second redirecting device (e.g., revert/redirecting number, See Fig. 2B); the forwarded call having an associated data message (e.g., ISUP IAM message) that includes a calling number of the originating device and a first redirecting number of the first redirecting device; and forwarding the call from the second redirecting device to a destination voice mailbox (e.g. mailbox associated with the redirecting number), the destination voice mailbox selected from a plurality of voice mailboxes associated with a user, the destination voice mailbox selected based on an evaluation of the first redirecting number and a second redirecting number (See pg. 6-7, paragraph [0071] – [0072] and pg. 7, paragraph [0076]).

4. In regards to claim 2, Adamezyk discloses the method, wherein the destination voice mailbox is provided by a voicemail system (See Fig. 2B and voice mail system (VMS) 206) (See pg. 5, paragraph [0050]).

5. In regards to claim 3, Adamezyk discloses the method, wherein at least one of the first and the second redirecting numbers is compared to a set of predetermined authorized redirecting numbers and wherein the voice mailbox is selected from a group of available voice mailboxes (for example, the mailbox is selected based on the revert/redirecting number, which may be a home, mobile, office, etc. number) (See pg. 7, paragraph [0076]).

6. In regards to claims 4, 7, and 19, Adamezyk discloses a method and system of processing an intelligent network communication (See Fig. 1, which includes Advanced Intelligent Network (AIN) elements), the method comprising: receiving a query message at a switch control point (See Fig. 2B and SCP 208) (See pg. 6, paragraph [0060]);

Art Unit: 2614

determining that inbound call data includes a redirecting number of a redirecting device; formulating a response message to the query message, the response message to indicate an address for a destination voicemail account, wherein the destination voicemail account is one of a plurality of voicemail accounts associated with a user, the address determined based upon the redirecting number of the redirecting device; sending the response message to a service switching point (See Fig. 2B and SSP 210); and routing a call to the destination voicemail account based upon the address (See pg. 7, paragraph [0076]).

7. In regards to claim 5, Adamezyk discloses the method, further comprising comparing the redirecting number to a plurality of authorized redirecting numbers (See pg. 7, paragraph [0076]).

8. In regards to claim 6, Adamezyk discloses the method, wherein the response message indicates forwarding the call to the destination voicemail account only when the redirecting number is found within the plurality of authorized redirecting numbers (See pg. 7, paragraph [0076]).

9. In regards to claim 8, Adamezyk discloses the system, wherein the service switching point (See Fig. 2B and SSP 210) is coupled to a second service switching point (See Fig. 2B and SSP 204) that is coupled to a destination voicemail system (See Fig. 2B and voice mail system (VMS) 206).

10. In regards to claim 9, Adamezyk discloses the system, wherein the service switching point receives a data message (e.g., ISUP IAM message) associated with a

Art Unit: 2614

call prior to sending the request message to the switching control point (See pg. 6, paragraph [0060] – [0061]).

11. In regards to claim 10, Adamezyk discloses the system, wherein the service switching point is coupled to a signaling system 7 type of communication link (See pg. 3, paragraph [0035]).

12. In regards to claims 11 and 18, Adamezyk discloses the system, wherein the redirecting number is not found on an authorized list of redirecting numbers (for example, the numbers may be considered as “not found” if there is a no answer or busy condition) and wherein the call is routed to a default home voicemail system (See pg. 5, paragraph [0049]).

13. In regards to claim 12, Adamezyk discloses the system, wherein the second service switching point receives a message that includes a calling number, a called number, a first redirecting number, and a second redirecting number (See pg. 6-7, paragraph [0071] – [0072] and pg. 7, paragraph [0076]).

14. In regards to claims 13 and 14, Adamezyk discloses the system, wherein the second service switching point (See Fig. 2B and SSP 204) includes a memory that stores data related to a plurality of different voicemail accounts (See pg. 7, paragraph [0076]).

15. In regards to claim 17, Adamezyk discloses the system, wherein a first greeting is presented upon access to the first voice mailbox and a second greeting is presented upon access to the second voice mailbox (See pg. 7, paragraph [0076]).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

16. Claims 15 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adamezyk et al. (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2007/0127636 A1).

17. In regards to claim 15, Adamezyk discloses all of claim 15 limitations, except the system, wherein the first redirecting number entry is associated with a work phone and wherein the first voice mailbox is a designated work voicemail account. Adamezyk, however, does disclose wherein the first redirecting number entry is associated with a home phone and wherein the first voice mailbox is a designated home voicemail (See pg. 6, paragraph [0071] and pg. 7, paragraph [0076]). Therefore, it would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate this limitation within the method and system, as a way of using a work phone as the redirecting number.

18. In regards to claim 16, Adamezyk discloses all of claim 16 limitations, except the system, wherein the second redirecting number entry is associated with a mobile communication device and wherein the second voice mailbox is a designated mobile communication device voicemail account. Adamezyk, however, does disclose wherein the first redirecting number entry is associated with a home phone and wherein the first

Art Unit: 2614

voice mailbox is a designated home voicemail (See pg. 6, paragraph [0071] and pg. 7, paragraph [0076]).

Response to Arguments

19. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-19 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

20. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Williams (US Patent Application, Pub. No.: US 2004/0105536 A1) teaches a system for providing access to a voice mail system.

21. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

22. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of

Art Unit: 2614

the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

23. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to THJUAN K. ADDY whose telephone number is (571)272-7486. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:30-5:00pm.

24. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (571) 272-7488. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

25. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

/Thjuan K. Addy/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2614